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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND-JAPAN TRADE POLICY NEGOTIATIONS

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1. JAPANESE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES NAKAGAWA HAS DECIDED TO VISIT WELLINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER MULDOON AND OTHER OFFICIALS FOLLOWING BILATERAL MINISTERIAL TALKS IN CANBERRA THIS WEEK. HE WILL ARRIVE IN WELLINGTON JUNE 28 AND DEPARTS NEW ZEALAND EITHER JULY 1 OR 2 TO RETURN TO TOKYO. WITH HIM WILL BE OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND SEVERAL JAPANESE JOURNALISTS.

2. NAKAGAWA TOLD NEW ZEALAND'S AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO, R. M. MILLER, THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO END THE FISHING DISPUTE WITH NEW ZEALAND WHEN HE VISITS THIS COUNTRY. GNZ OFFICIALS TELL US, HOWEVER, THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN NO REASON TO DATE TO BELIEVE THAT THE MINISTER WILL BRING WITH HIM ANY NEW OFFERS FOR NEW ZEALAND.

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THE NEW ZEALANDERS BELIEVE THAT HE WILL NOT WANT TO GO AWAY EMPTY-HANDED, AND THAT HE MAY HAVE HOPES OF OBTAINING IN WELLINGTON A COMMITMENT TO BEGIN FISHING NEGOTIATIONS, COMPLETE WITH TIMETABLE; OFFICIALS HERE HAVE OFFERED THE VIEW THAT IF NAKAGAWA GIVES NOTHING, HE CAN EXPECT NOTHING IN RETURN. SELDEN

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